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Robbery suspects arrested

Riverside, CA: -- On Friday, August 8, 2008, the Riverside Police Department arrested three suspects who were involved in two separate armed robberies that occurred at the Riverside Plaza. The first robbery occurred at 1 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, when four patrons left a restaurant and were suddenly confronted in the parking lot by two suspects. During the encounter one of the suspects held a handgun and took the victims' wallets, currency and personal items. The other robbery occurred on Sunday, July 20, 2008, in the same general area. During that incident, two female victims were approached by a single suspect who was armed with a handgun. The suspect fled after taking the victims' purses and merchandise purchased from one of the stores.

During the second robbery the second suspect stayed in a getaway vehicle, driven by a female accomplice. Following the robberies, the Riverside Police Investigations Unit followed up on several leads and identified the black compact sport utility vehicle used in both robberies. A search warrant was carried out at a residence in the unincorporated area of Eastvale. The owner of the vehicle, **Shayna MOORE, 20**, was contacted and identified as the getaway driver. An assortment of stolen property related to each robbery was located in a bedroom. The vehicle was found concealed in the garage.

The investigation also identified suspects **Damien SIMMONS, 22**, and **Christopher BOSTON, 21**, both from Riverside. The suspects were taken into custody in Riverside without incident. All three suspects were booked into Robert Presley Detention Center for armed robbery. The suspects involved in these cases are two black male adult and one black female adult in their twenties.

Anyone with additional information related to these two cases or similar incidents, is urged to call Detective Kevin Townsend at (951) 826-8717.

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